

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
JUNE 20, 2023 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Business Session

Youth, Education and Libraries Committee, Kristen Berger, Chairperson

Joint with Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Mark Diller, Co-Chairpersons

1. Re: Increase equity within MCB7's School Community:

A. For "No Standing" spots

B. Of authorized school faculty parking spots

This resolution is based on the following facts:

A. For "No Standing" spots

WHEREAS, there are numerous schools, both public and private, in Community Board 7/ Manhattan (MCB7) that have designated curbside "Authorized" faculty parking spots and "no standing" zones for the safe pickup and dropoff of children;

WHEREAS, based on our calculations for schools that do have either parking or no standing zones, the average ratio of teachers to parking spots is 9.8 teachers per spot and for standing zones, it is 63 students per spot;

WHEREAS, our analysis of 57 schools and complexes in the Upper West Side shows that 45% have parking spots for teachers and 60% have standing spots for loading and unloading, which leaves 22% of the students with zero "no standing" zones to enter and exit the school;

WHEREAS, "no standing" zones in front of schools are designed to provide a safe means for children to be picked up and dropped off from school without blocking an entire street.

WHEREAS, other changes to curbside use are being considered including congestion pricing, garbage collection and more. This issue should be considered in conjunction.

WHEREAS, research has uncovered no publicly available source setting forth the criteria or methodology by which the Department of Transportation (DoT) allocates space adjacent to public or independent schools for either student arrival/dismissal or for teacher parking.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **calls on** the DOT, in consultation with the Department of Education (DoE) to formulate and present to CB7 a plan to achieve approximate equity in the amount of "no standing" spots allocated to each school in CB7's District, from 3-K through high school, taking into consideration amounts of "no-standing" spots that are reasonable and appropriate for each school's size, street frontage, student population, and needs.

Committee: 11-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

B. Of authorized school faculty parking spots

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **calls on** the DOT, in consultation with DoE and the United Federation of Teachers, to present a plan to achieve approximate equity in the amount of Authorized faculty parking spots allocated to each school in CB7's District, from 3-K through high school, taking into consideration amounts of Authorized faculty parking spots that are reasonable and appropriate for each school's size, faculty composition, and needs.

Committee: 6-3-2-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-1-0.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Mark Diller, Co-Chairpersons

2. Re: Request for a Secondary Street Renaming by the Alexander Robertson School and Second Presbyterian Church in honor of Catherine "Katy" Ferguson on West 95th Street and Central Park West on the Southwest corner.

This resolution is based on the following facts:

- Catherine "Katy" Ferguson was born into slavery in 1779. Her mother was sold away from her when Katy was 8.
- At the age of 10, at great personal peril, she found her way to New York City and eventually secured her own freedom from slavery through an arrangement with a congregant at the Second Presbyterian Church in New York City (the "Congregation"). The Congregation was active in the abolitionist movement at the time.
- Katy Ferguson was the first woman of color to join the Congregation. Though she never learned to read or write, she used scripture stories and invited other learned individuals into her home to help educate young children on religious and secular matters, and in so doing created the first Sunday School in New York City.
- After the untimely death of her husband and children due to cholera, she brought into her home and educational programs vulnerable children from alms houses, the streets, and negligent parents. She raised many of these children herself, and placed the others in suitable homes.
- ARS is the current name of the school founded by the Congregation that was so ably served by "Aunt Katy" during her lifetime. Katy Ferguson was a seminal influence on the mission of ARS from its early days, and continues to be a source of inspiration and pride to both ARS and the Congregation.
- Upon her untimely death in 1854 due to cholera, W.E.B. DuBois included Katy Ferguson alongside Sojourner Truth, Phyllis Wheatley and Harriet Tubman as among "the most notable colored [sic] women of importance."
- On-going efforts to carry forward her legacy include the Katy Ferguson Literacy Initiative under the aegis of ARS and the Congregation, which recently raised funds and donated over 300 books to literacy efforts at the nearby NYCHA Frederick Douglass Houses.
- This street renaming will prompt inquiry into this remarkable person's life story and work, countering the pernicious trend to obscure or omit the contributions of African Americans to our shared history and school curriculums.
- Catherine "Katy" Ferguson's remarkable personal story, her groundbreaking work in serving vulnerable children of all faiths and races, and her contributions to the Congregation and ARS, more than amply satisfy the criteria for a secondary street co-naming.
- Our Community and City would be enriched by raising consciousness of her contributions and presence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends that the Southwest Corner of Central Park West and West 95th Street be secondarily re-named "Catherine 'Katy' Ferguson Way."

Committee: 9-0-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 6-0-0-0.

Preservation Committee, K Karpen and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

3. Re: 140 West 81st Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues). Application LPC-23-04861 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness to coat the [West 81st Street (north) façade] primary façade's rock-faced brickwork with a potassium silicate coating (Keim S 119).

This resolution is based on the following facts:

- The subject building is 3-story plus basement church building constructed ca. 1893 in the Romanesque Revival style by architects Thom & Wilson. It is included in the Upper West Side – Central Park West Historic District. The front façade is composed of buff (unglazed) brick with a rusticated appearance with decorative elements constructed out of limestone, brick and marble. The building features a peaked roof in the front.
- The front façade includes decorative elements surrounding window openings and doorways and other framing effects.
- The current condition of the front façade reflects pronounced discoloration of the buff/unglazed rusticated brick that forms the lion's share of the surface of the front façade.

- The original color was a color similar to limestone or sandstone; over time the bricks have taken on a mottled, yellow-black splotchy appearance.
- The proposal is to clean the façade and then apply Keim Mineral Stain S119. This material is a silica-based compound that seals and preserves the cleaned bricks. The applicant tested different concentrations, and proposes a 1:1 dilution to achieve the desired color and appearance.
- This product does not harm the brick or cause it to spall or crumble.

The cleaning and restoration of the rusticated brick façade, especially if the color of the treatment is that produced by the 1:1 ratio of the coating, is appropriate to the character of this building and of the Historic District to which it contributes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to apply Keim Mineral Stain S119 as appropriate to the character of the building and the Historic District, with a strong recommendation that the color of the stain as applied be that produced by the 1:1 ratio of the preparation of that product.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 7-0-0-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Josh Cohen and Benjamin Wu, Co-Chairpersons

4. Re: 891 Amsterdam Avenue (West 104th Street).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by American Youth Hostels, Inc.

Committee 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.